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801-831 S. Hanover St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

1833-1850/1870's

The northern section of the east side of the 800 block of S. Hanover St. (north of Churchill St.) was improved in the early 1830's with a row of two and a half story, two bay wide late Federal-style brick houses with dormer windows. The houses were built by several different local carpenters for a working class clientele. 803-805 and 809-811 S. Hanover St. still retain their original two and a half story form but 801 S. Hanover is now three stories in height with a flat roof and a first floor area converted to a modern storefront, and 807 S. Hanover was enlarged to a full three stories with shed roof and bracketed cornice. The house at 813 S. Hanover St. was built as it now appears, three stories in height with a gable roof and was one of several similar houses built in the 1840's that extended south in a row to Churchill St. At the southern end of the block, at the corner of Henrietta St., there are three three story high, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and continuous bracketed cornice that represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original gable-roofed houses built on the site before 1850. 831 S. Hanover St. has a Victorian-era first floor storefront and currently serves as a used furniture store.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

803-805 S. Hanover St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED (803)

☒ UNOCCUPIED (805)

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED (803)

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO (805)

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE (803)

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: restoration

contemplated-805

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

— EXCELLENT
— GOOD
— FAIR

X _ DETERIORATED
— RUINS
— UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

~~X~~ _ UNALTERED
— ALTERED

CHECK ONE

~~X~~ _ ORIGINAL SITE
— MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of 2 1/2 story brick houses is a survival of the original row of such houses that was built along this side of Hanover St. in the . They are quite small houses, being only two room deep with no kitchen extension.

The houses are 2 1/2 stories tall with a single dormer window apiece. They are each 13' wide and extend back on their lots 25'. They are constructed in Flemish bond. The steeply-pitched gable roof of 803 S. Hanover St. is covered with tarpaper; that of 805 S. Hanover with asphalt shingles. A simple brick cornice runs continuously across both facades. Each house has a single rectangular chimney along its south side. The window openings of 803 S. Hanover St. retain their original flat wooden lintels and sills. The original wood lintels and sills of 805 S. Hanover St. have been filled in with brick. 803 S. Hanover St. has modern 1/1 sash; no sash remains at 805 S. Hanover St. and the openings have been boarded. The original door at 803 S. Hanover St. has been replaced by a modern panel door and the original transom area filled with with brick. The transom space survives at 805 S. Hanover St., but it is empty. 805 retains an older panel door, though it is not the original. The houses stand on high basements, the entrances being reached by a flight of four and five stone steps, respectively. There are large square coal openings to the right of each flight of steps.

The severely simple, small-scale interior of these houses suggest that they were built for poor, working class tenants. There are two small rooms on each floor and one single room on the third floor under the roof. There are fireplaces in each of the four rooms on the first and second floors. The sharply winding stairs are located in a niche between the partition wall dividing the front and back rooms, and the fireplace of the back room. Built-in shelves flank the opposite side of the fireplace in the back room, thus indicating this room's original use as a kitchen/dining room. On the second floor, instead of continuing up in the same position on the south wall of the house, the stairs to the dormer floor rise in a straight flight towards the north wall of the house, thereby creating a tiny hallway between the front and back rooms of this floor. Both the first and second floor rooms have 8 1/2' ceiling heights. The mantelpieces are extremely plain, consisting of only a plain frieze and a simply molded mantel shelf.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1833-1838

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George A. Hughes (James Dixon)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is significant as being representative of a group of two and a half story houses with dormer windows built in the late 1830's and early 1840's in the Federal Hill area to provide inexpensive housing for the growing number of workers moving into the area to work in waterfront-related jobs. The houses are interesting as examples of the quite late use of design characteristics associated with a much earlier period. The houses are Federal in style, and much resemble earlier Federal-period houses in the area, except for their interior, two-room deep floor plan, which is more often associated with this later date. The kitchen seems to have been located in the basement.

The houses were built by George A. Hughes on land formerly belonging to his grandfather Christopher Hughes who owned a large tract in this section of Federal Hill in the late eighteenth century.¹ The houses were bought in 1838 by George C. Addison, a local real-estate developer who held them as rental property.² The houses seem to have actually been constructed for Hughes by James Dixon, a local carpenter.³

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 228, Folio 417

²Ibid., Liber TK 280, Folio 470, 471

³Baltimore City Directory, 1837, 1840-41

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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1745 Circle Rd.

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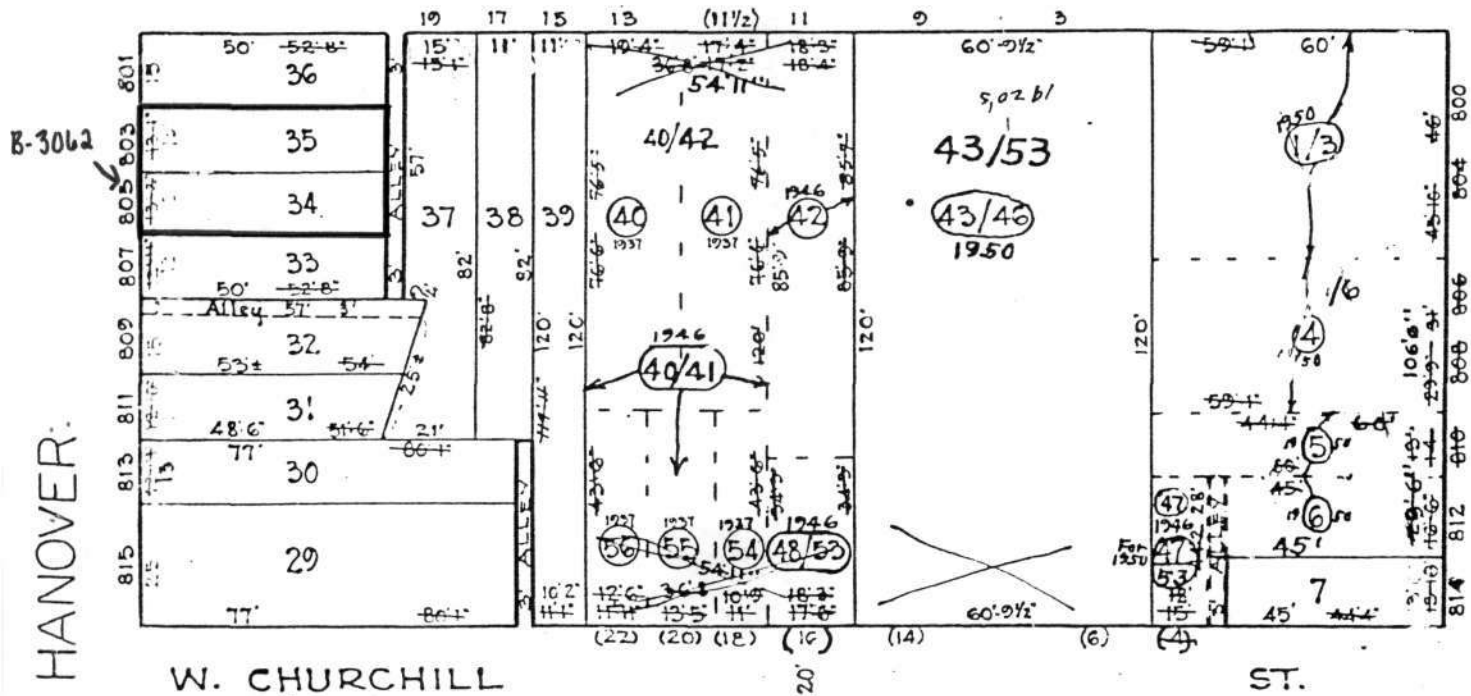
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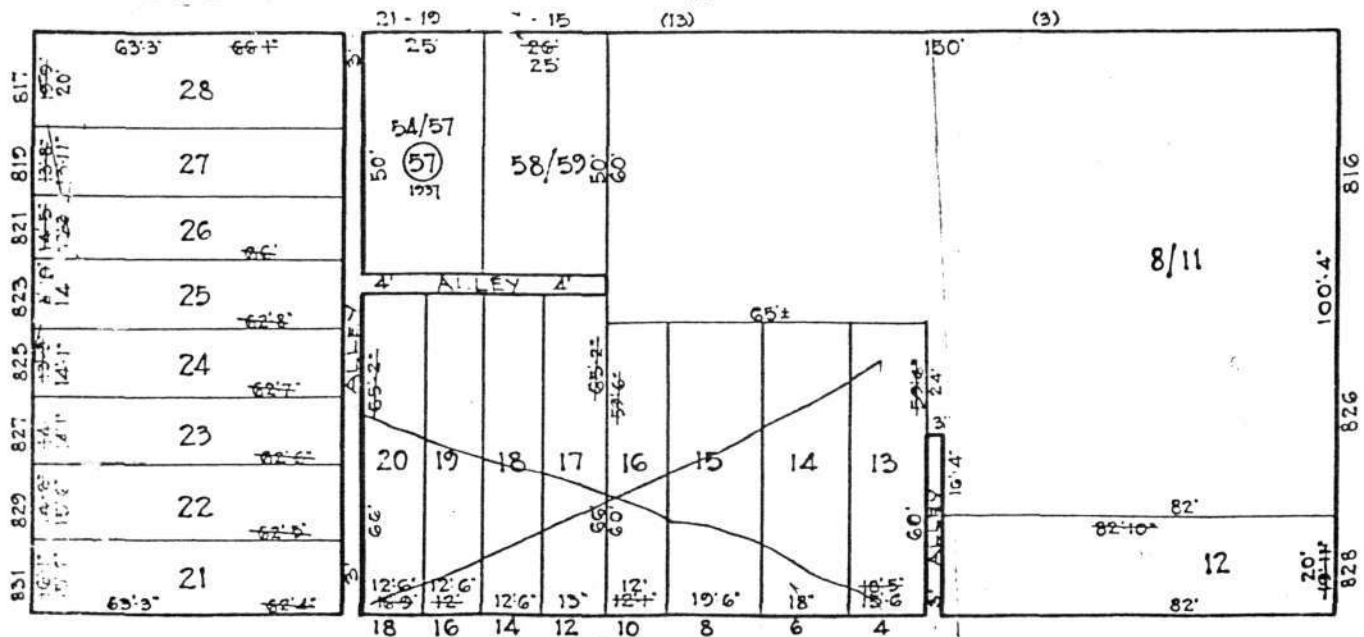
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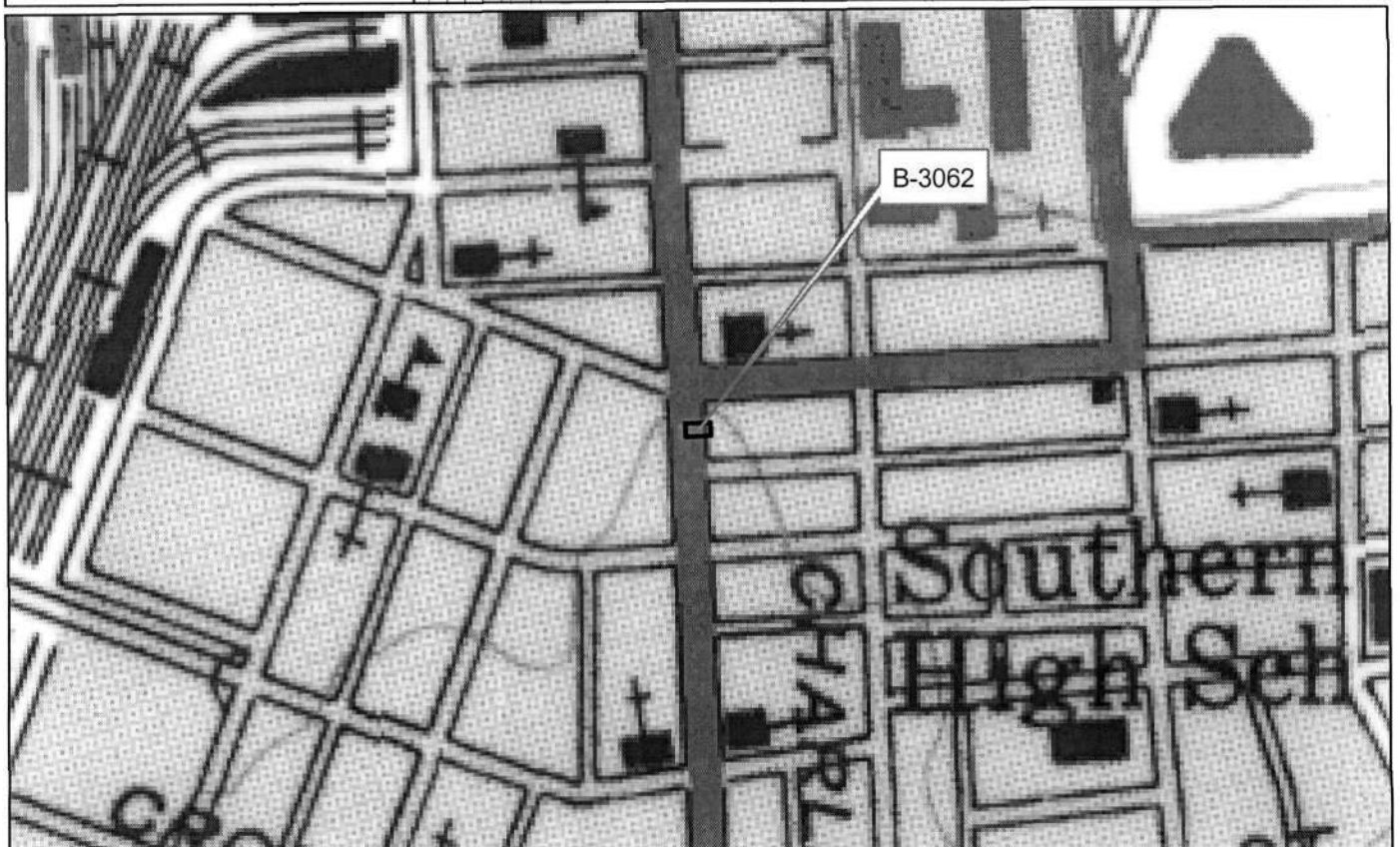
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Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation